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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: AMBASSADOR YOUNG HOSTS DINNER FOR
COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AND SECURITY COUNCIL

1. AMB YOUNG HOSTED A LARGE DINNER PM MAY 8 FOR UN
AMBASSADORS AND DELEGATES WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY CON-
CERNED WITH NAMIBIA DURING THE PAST YEAR: MEMBERS OF
THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THOSE
SWAPO DELEGATION MEMBERS STILL IN NEW YORK, AS WELL AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRONTLINE STATES AND A VARIETY
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OF OTHER NATIONS. IT WAS A WARM AND RELAXED EVENING
WHICH SERVED TO UNDERSCORE THE UNITY OF SUPPORT AND
CONCERN WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF
NAMIBIA. THE OCCASION ALSO PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE WESTERN EFFORT ON NAMIBIA IS NOT
OVER. AS AMB YOUNG STATED, "THE TALKS HAVE BEEN CALLED
OFF TEMPORARILY IN THE WAKE OF THE TRAGIC RAID ON ANGOLA,

BUT THE MOMENTUM FOR A SETTLEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN GENERATED OVER THE PAST YEAR CONTINUES."

2. THE EVENING CONCLUDED WITH THE ELOQUENT AND IMPASSIONED RESPONSE TO AMB YOUNG BY SWAPO UN REPRESENTATIVE THEO-BEN GURIRAB. GURIRAB STATED THAT THE SWAPO DELEGATION NOW HAD TO RETURN TO "BURY ITS DEAD AND CARE FOR ITS WOUNDED." THEREFORE, THE TALKS BETWEEN THE FIVE AND SWAPO HAD BEEN "INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED, BUT NOT TERMINATED". HE CRITICIZED ANY EFFORT TO EQUATE SOUTH AFRICA'S "AGGRESSION" AND SWAPO'S "JUST STRUGGLE" FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE AND REAFFIRMED SWAPO'S INTENTION TO CONTINUE ALL EFFORTS TO FREE NAMIBIA OF SOUTH AFRICAN "OPPRESSION AND DOMINATION."

3. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE EVENING IS PERHAPS BEST CAPTURED IN THE REMARKS OF A FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE. ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN APPREHENSIVE EARLIER ABOUT OUR DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE SOCIAL FUNCTION, DESPITE NUJOMA'S DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK, HE CHARACTERIZED THE DINNER AS "A GAMBLE THAT HAS PAID OFF HANDSOMELY FOR ALL OF US." YOUNG

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